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FISH COOKERY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR 1956 ARRANGED

An estimated 200 fish cookery demonstrations, most of them for school lunch groups, will be given by the Fish and Wildlife Service during 1956, Acting Secretary of the Interior Clarence A. Davis said today. At present 180 demonstrations have been scheduled or are in the process of being scheduled.

The fish cookery demonstrations are part of the broader program of the Fish and Wildlife Service in the development of wider markets for fish and shellfish. Currently the work is being done under responsibility established by the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act. The activity is financed by funds made available by the same Act. Recipes developed in test kitchens at College Park, Md., and Seattle, Wash., are used in the demonstrations.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has given approximately 1,300 fish cookery demonstrations since 1946. Of these, 1,000 have been for school lunch groups and 300 for educational, institutional and homemaker groups. School lunch demonstrations for the most part are given to those actually responsible for the preparation of school lunches. This is true also of the institutional classes. The homemaker and educational demonstrations are given for persons who teach others, such as college home economic classes, extension workers, and gas and electric cooking school personnel. One fish cookery demonstration given to a cooking specialist class by the Fish and Wildlife Service, was passed along to 16,000 individual homemakers during the following year.

Until recently most of the work has been done in the eastern half of the United States. In many of the more sparsely settled States demonstrations have been arranged for summer "workshops" or short courses for school lunch personnel.

In 1956 the project will be expanded to provide for a nationwide program. In some of the States in which demonstrations were given five or more years ago, additional series are now being scheduled to train persons who have entered the school lunch program recently.

To date, the following demonstrations have been scheduled, with others to follow: Texas, 50 demonstrations; California, 48; Maryland, 10; Missouri, 12; Wisconsin, 12, Virginia, 25; and South Carolina, 23.

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